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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a soft, chewable confection obtained without using high heat or dehydration. In one embodiment, the confection contains an active ingredient which consists essentially of an effective amount of at least one probiotic organism. In another embodiment, the confection consists essentially of an effective amount of at least one probiotic organism and an effective amount of at least one prebiotic. In a further embodiment, the confection consists essentially of an effective amount of at least one probiotic organism and a nutrient contained in a glycoprotein matrix, or an enzyme, or both. In yet another embodiment, the confection consists essentially of at least one probiotic organism, at least one prebiotic, and a nutrient contained in a glycoprotein matrix, or an enzyme, or both.

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